# Allan Gray Africa Equity Fund



Fund manager: Andrew Lapping Inception date: 1 July 1998 Class:

# Fund description

The Fund invests in a focused portfolio of companies with significant business interests in Africa, regardless of the location of the stock exchange listing. The Fund price is reported in US dollars but the underlying holdings are denominated in various currencies. Returns are likely to be volatile.

# Fund objective and benchmark

The Fund aims to outperform African equity markets over the long term without taking on greater risk of loss. The Fund's benchmark is the MSCI Emerging and Frontier Markets (EFM) Africa Index (total returns).

### How we aim to achieve the Fund's objective

We invest in shares that we believe offer superior fundamental value while taking into account risk and return. We research companies and assess their intrinsic value based on long-term fundamentals; we then invest in businesses where our assessment of intrinsic value exceeds the share price by a margin of safety. This approach allows us to identify shares that may be out of favour with the market because of poor near-term prospects, but offer good value over the long-term. The Fund's holdings will deviate meaningfully from those in the index both in terms of individual holdings and sector exposure.

# Suitable for those investors who

- Seek exposure to African equities
- Are comfortable with stock market and currency fluctuations
- Are prepared to take the risk of capital loss
- Typically have an investment horizon of more than five years

The Fund is not available to South African residents.

# Minimum investment amounts

Minimum initial investment: US\$50,000 US\$1 000 Minimum subsequent investment:

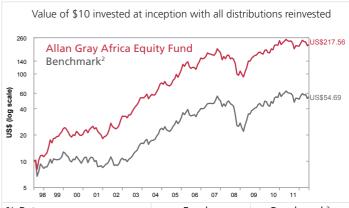
## Annual management fee

The annual management fee ranges from 0.5% to 2.5% depending on the relative return of the Fund to the benchmark, before fees. The fee is calculated on a base of 1.5% plus one twenty-fifth of the cumulative threeyear relative performance, subject to a floor of 0.5% and cap of 2.5%. For example if the cumulative three year performance of the fund is 20% and that of the benchmark is 15%, the fee rate is: 1.5% + (20%-15%)/25 = 1.7%.

### Fund information on 30 June 2012

US\$1 Fund currency: Fund size: US\$223m Fund price: US\$157.01 Number of share holdings: Dealing day: Weekly (Thursday)

### Performance in US\$ net of all fees and expenses



% Returns	Fund	Benchmark <sup>2</sup>		
<i>Unannualised:</i> Since inception	2075.6	446.9		
Annualised: Since inception	24.6	12.9		
Latest 10 years	24.2	18.3		
Latest 5 years	5.2	3.5		
Latest 3 years	15.8	16.4		
Latest 1 year	-8.0	-9.1		
Year-to-date (unannualised)	4.5	6.6		
Risk measures (since inception)				
Maximum drawdown <sup>3</sup>	-52.5	-60.5		
Percentage positive months <sup>4</sup>	59.5	59.5		
Annualised monthly volatility <sup>5</sup>	27.5	28.7		

- 1. The Fund is currently priced in US dollar. Since inception to 30 April 2012 the Fund was priced in South
- 2. The current benchmark is the MSCI EFM Africa Index (total returns). Since inception to 30 April 2012 the benchmark was the FTSE/JSE Africa All Share Index including income. Performance as calculated by Allan Gray as at 30 June 2012 (Source: Bloomberg). Calculation based on the latest available data as supplied by third parties.
- 3. Maximum percentage decline over any period. The maximum drawdown occurred from October 2007 to February 2009 and maximum benchmark drawdown occurred from October 2007 to February 2009. Drawdown is calculated on the total return of the Fund/benchmark (i.e. including income)
- 4. The percentage of calendar months in which the Fund produced a positive monthly return since inception
- 5. The standard deviation of the Fund's monthly return. This is a measure of how much an investment's return varies from its average over time.

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### Fund manager commentary as at 30 June 2012

3.7% of the Fund is invested in two platinum shares, Impala Platinum and Northam Platinum. Both these shares have performed poorly since the Fund acquired the holdings and to a much larger extent over the past one, three and five years.

South Africa's platinum industry is currently experiencing a very tough operating environment. Costs have increased well above inflation for the past 10 years while the prices of the various metals the mines produce have recently stagnated or fallen. The mines are also becoming deeper which necessitates ever increasing capital expenditure to maintain production. The result of these factors is a margin squeeze and both the high and mid-cost producers are making cash losses at current metal prices.

The South African platinum industry accounts for 75% of world mine supply. To our minds it is not a sustainable situation when the largest producing region is unable to generate positive cash flow, let alone its cost of capital. Supply is beginning to contract as high cost mines close and operating mines cut capital expenditure which leads to lower supply in time. The lower supply should lead to a tighter market and higher prices in the long run, benefitting the survivors. We believe Impala and Northam will be among the survivors as they are well positioned on the cost curve, have no debt and are well managed. On our estimate of normal metal prices both Impala and Northam are attractively priced.

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# Country of primary listing as at 30 June 2012

Country	% of Fund	Benchmark <sup>2</sup>
South Africa	43.7	90.2
Egypt	17.1	3.9
United Kingdom	15.1	0.0
Kenya	7.7	1.0
Zimbabwe	6.2	0.0
Nigeria	3.9	3.4
France	3.6	0.0
BRVM	1.2	0.0
Rwanda	0.6	0.0
Australia	0.6	0.0
Tanzania	0.3	0.0
Canada	0.1	0.0
Morocco	0.0	1.1
Mauritius	0.0	0.3
Tunisia	0.0	0.3
Total	100.0	100.0

#### Sector allocation at 30 June 2012

Sector	% of Fund	Benchmark <sup>2</sup>
Oil & gas	11.1	7.7
Basic materials	16.9	18.2
Industrials	12.5	9.8
Consumer goods	18.8	4.8
Healthcare	2.9	3.2
Consumer services	1.5	17.0
Telecommunications	8.0	12.7
Utilities	3.4	0.0
Financials	19.2	26.7
Fixed interest/Liquidity	5.7	0.0
Total	100.0	100.0

2. MSCI EFM Africa Index (total returns) (Source: Bloomberg). Calculation based on the latest available data as supplied by third parties

Note: There may be slight discrepancies in the totals due to rounding.

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